Welcome to the Autumn edition of **News from the Fen**, the community newsletter for the National Trust's Wicken Fen Vision.

Packed with interesting articles and news, the Newsletter is delivered quarterly to households in villages surrounding the Vision lands, elected representatives and key stakeholders.

Highlights this issue include:-

Green Light for Reach Lode Bridge – (Page 1) Construction of a new crossing over Reach Lode is set to commence in the New Year. The bridge and cycle-way are a key element of the Wicken Fen Spine Route, which will provide a virtually traffic free 14 km route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders linking Wicken Fen to Anglesey Abbey and Bottisham, with onward connections to Cambridge and Ely.

Wonderful Wildlife Year at Wicken Fen (Page 2) A fantastic year for wildlife at Wicken Fen topped off by first ever breeding of Avocets on the reserve. Wicken's species list now stands at 8,230 species, the most for any UK nature reserve.

Sharing the Vision (Page 4&5) The Environment Agency delivers the Government's environmental policies, protecting and improving the environment and promoting sustainable development. Geoff Brighty, Area Manager for the River Great Ouse Catchment explains why the Environment Agency supports the Wicken Fen Vision.

Warden's World (Page 6) Head to White Fen this winter to help the Trust create new habitats for wildlife and people to enjoy. More water is needed on Sedge Fen to protect its unique wetland plant communities and work begins on Wicken's new Butterfly Trail.

Calling all Horse Riders (Page 6) Participate in our survey and help the Trust to develop and promote horse riding throughout the Vision lands.

We welcome your comments on this Newsletter and suggestions for future articles. Please submit comments / suggestions to howard.cooper@nationaltrust.org.uk

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